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Fall Bazaar 2017  
November 3-4, 2017



Booth  
registration is  
open

## SANDERSON CENTER 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



The Robert G. Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing celebrated its 25th anniversary on Friday, September 8, 2017. Approximately 450 Utahns who are deaf or hard of hearing or have ties to the community were at the event celebrating with games, dinner and a special performance.

With the event theme “Blast from the Past,” the community center celebrated its rich history dating back to 1946 when a need for a meeting place was identified for those who are deaf and hard of hearing in Utah.

Early leaders worked to establish a meeting place in the 1960s, including Dr. Robert G. Sanderson who was the first deaf coordinator in Utah. In 1983, the first community center opened in Bountiful, and the current Sanderson Community Center in Taylorsville opened in 1992. [Read more about the Sanderson Center history.](#)

Special recognitions were also given to the following people at the celebration:

- Marilyn Call, Director of the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for her many years of service and is retiring later this year.
- Mitch Jensen, Certification Program Director of the Utah Interpreter Program, for being the longest working employee at the center.
- Valerie Kinney and Jodi Kinner, community members for their dedicated work in compiling [Utah Deaf History](#).
- David Mortensen, an early leader for helping lead efforts to create a community center.

**For more information on the programs and services at the Sanderson Community Center, visit [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh)**

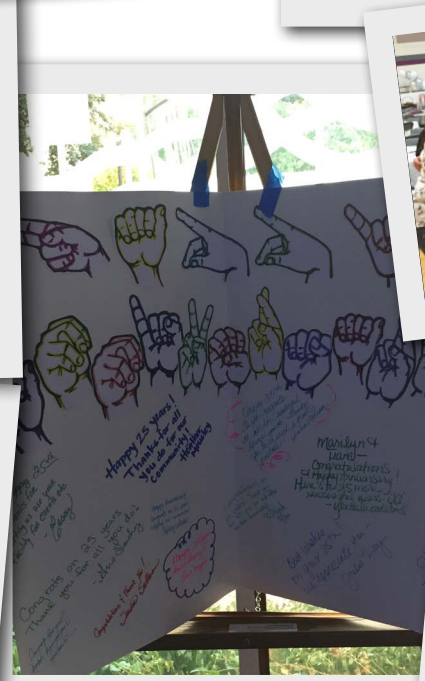
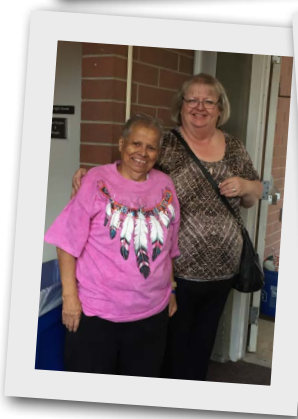
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# SANDERSON CENTER

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## Navajo Hearing Aid Humanitarian Project



*by Peggy Thomson*

In May of this year, one of my Hard of Hearing Assistants, Brenda Sturdevant, in San Juan County visited the Bluff senior center to give a presentation and loan out assistive listening equipment. The largest demographic of seniors utilizing this center are from the Diné or Navajo Nation. There are three other senior centers on the reservation that strictly serve the Navajo. During the presentation, the attendees expressed their frustrations and disappointment with the lack of support and access to resources.

Sixty percent of the reservation that falls within Utah state lines has no access to electricity, water or phone lines. This means that simply providing assistive technology does not necessarily address the needs. Many have cell phones, but a large portion of these individuals are hard of hearing and cannot actually utilize them effectively. It was obvious that this population could benefit from hearing aids. Unfortunately, accessing tools and resources has been a burden for a lot of the community and unfeasible for many due to the financial and logistical constraints. I decided that we needed to address this need head on-- so I went to work.

A few weeks prior, I had the opportunity to volunteer with the Sound of Life Foundation. This organization provides hearing aids for low income adults who are unable to obtain them through other means. I reached out to the Sound of Life and proposed my plan. Without hesitation, they agreed to partner with our agency, Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (SUDHHP). We worked relentlessly, finding additional partners and sites willing to provide hearing tests. Relay Utah also joined our partnership, providing cell phone amplifiers so the individuals could have

access to their cell phones. Our other amazing partners included Precision Hearing, Intermountain Audiology, A&E Audiology out of Pennsylvania, and Utah State School for the Deaf and Blind. Hearing aids were generously donated by the Sound of Life Foundation, Oticon Hearing Aid Manufacturer, A&E Audiology and Widex Hearing Aid Manufacturer. The director of the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH), Marilyn Call, and the director of the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (SUDHHP), Grant Pemberton were both in attendance helping where needed.

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) provided transportation to those who had a need. This was an all-day event, and lunch was donated by many grocer-partners. Every grocery store in St. George and Blanding, as well as the Bluff Fort missionaries and the St. George LDS 10th Ward made lunch for our clients and volunteers a reality through food donations. Volunteers invested time making sandwiches and cookies to be served.

During the first event, we tested 93 individuals, 68 received hearing aids and 22 received cell phone amplifiers. During the second event, another 109 individuals were tested and 78 hearing aids were distributed. Thanks to the support of our agency, DSDHH, and the time, effort and donations of our partners and volunteers, we were able to test a total of 202 individuals, 146 received hearing aids and 22 were give cell phone amplifiers over the course of both events.

Once again, thank you to all our volunteers and partners for making this humanitarian project a huge success!



# Salt Lake, Central and Northern Utah Classes and Events

Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville  
801-657-5200 (VP)  
801-263-4860 (voice)  
[usor.utah.gov/dhh](http://usor.utah.gov/dhh)

[Click here](#) to view all  
event flyers

\$ = Cost

📄 📱 = Registration Details

## Community Events

*All classes are held at the Sanderson Center unless otherwise noted. If additional accommodations are needed, please inform us during registration.*

### Work Ability Job Fair for Individuals with Disabilities

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (1st workshop begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Be prepared to meet business leaders, attend workshops and explore your career opportunities. For questions, contact your Vocational Rehabilitation counselor or Choose To Work specialist in your area or Thomas Smith at 801-887-0282 or [thomassmith@utah.gov](mailto:thomassmith@utah.gov). For more information on participating businesses and job fair resources, visit [usor.utah.gov/dhh/jobfair](http://usor.utah.gov/dhh/jobfair).

\$ Free

📄 📱 No registration required



### American Sign Language (ASL) Social

Wednesdays, October 18, November 15

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This social event is open to anyone who wishes to practice American Sign Language, learn more about Deaf culture and how to converse using ASL in everyday conversations, games, and ABC stories. For more information, contact Patricia Lowry at [plowry@utah.gov](mailto:plowry@utah.gov). This class will be in ASL.

\$ Free

📄 📱 No registration required



## Open House: Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tours start at 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Ned Lindholm at 6 p.m.

Location: 250 North 1950 West, Suite B, Salt Lake City

Learn more about services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired:

- Business enterprise program
- Low vision services
- Field services
- DeafBlind services

Also, take a tour of the training and adjustment services (TAS) that includes classes on Braille, career readiness, home management, needle arts, orientation and mobility, technology and woodshop.

\$ Free

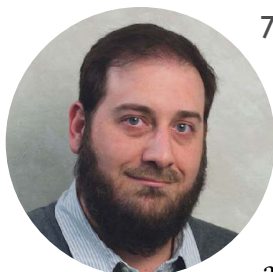
☞ ☞ To register, contact Marla Palmer @ 801-323-4391 or [mpalmer@utah.gov](mailto:mpalmer@utah.gov). To request ADA Accommodations (including ASL Interpreters or CART), please include during RSVP.



## Deaf Studies Talk: Ben Jarashow

Thursday, October 26, 2017

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



In this presentation, we will discuss how Eric "Malz" Malzkuhn's attempts of translating Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem, Jabberwocky, from English to ASL, helped catapult his career as an ASL storyteller and actor. Malz's translation brought him into the limelight and got him into the National Theater for the Deaf, as well as a place of honor in ASL Literature. We may wonder what is so special about Malz's translation and the poem itself, and we will go through that in this presentation. For more information, contact Mary Beth Baierl at [mbaierl@utah.gov](mailto:mbaierl@utah.gov).

*Note: UTRID is an approved RID CMP sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This professional studies program is offered for 0.2 RID CEUs & 2.0 Utah CEHS.*

\$ Free

☞ ☞ Limited to 100 seats. Register by October 24 at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration) (No children please)

## Harvest Family Night

Friday, October 27, 2017

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Fun for the whole family: Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and parents, siblings, CODAs. Come one, come all! Games, treats, family fun and costume parade. Wear your costumes. Refreshments provided.

\$ Free

☞ ☞ Register by October 25 at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration). For questions contact Mary Beth Baierl at [mbaierl@utah.gov](mailto:mbaierl@utah.gov) or 801-657-5205.



## Fall Bazaar 2017

November 3-4, 2017

Deadline to reserve a booth is October 23 at 5 p.m. at [usor.utah.gov/dhh/](http://usor.utah.gov/dhh/) registration. If you would like a paper copy of the form, pick it up at the Sanderson Center front desk. For more information, contact Mary Beth Baierl at [mbaierl@utah.gov](mailto:mbaierl@utah.gov).



## Community Education

*All classes are held at the Sanderson Center unless otherwise noted. If additional accommodations are needed, please inform us during registration.*

### Creative Sewing Class

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

For October's class, you will continue to learn how to make a Casserole Carrier. Or you can bring any projects that are not completely finished. There will be a teacher available to help you finish. Presented in American Sign Language. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. If you need to borrow a sewing machine, please request at time of your registration. First come, First Served.

\$ Free

Registration is required at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration)



### Self Defense Class



Tuesday, October 17, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Basic self-defense class begins with awareness, prevention, and risk avoidance while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The three-hour class will be taught by Brandy Vega, expert self-defense instructor. She has produced and hosted Women's Self Defense Seminar. The class will be beneficial to everyone in life and travels and give more resources. For more information, contact Mary Beth Baierl at [mbaierl@utah.gov](mailto:mbaierl@utah.gov).

\$ Free

Register by Friday, October 13 at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration). The class is limited to 20 spots. Priority given to deaf and hard of hearing adults. Hearing will be welcomed if space is available.



## Low Vision and DeafBlind Services and Resources Presentation

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Are you or someone you know experiencing vision loss or afraid of becoming deafblind? Concerned about remaining independent and socially engaged? Come learn what resources and services are available such as:

- Equipment and technology
- Low vision training
- Supports in your home and community
- Special communication techniques

Presented in ASL and voice. If you have additional needs or questions, please contact Joene Nicolaisen at: 801.657.5218 or [jfnicolaisen@utah.gov](mailto:jfnicolaisen@utah.gov).

📱 Register by Wednesday, Oct. 18 at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration).



## Case Management

*All appointments are held at the Sanderson Center unless otherwise noted. If additional accommodations are needed, please inform us when setting up the appointment.*

### Medicare Fall Open Enrollment

October 15 – December 7, 2017

Are you unhappy with your Medicare coverage or curious about other options? Sign up at the Sanderson Center for the following dates.

- October 18, 2017 (Deadline: October 16)
- November 15, 2017 (Deadline: November 13)
- November 29, 2017 (Deadline: November 27)
- The changes will take effect January 1, 2018.

**\$** Free

📱 Registration: To set up an appointment with a SHIP counselor, contact your case manager or Laurie Bishop at 801-657-5209 or [lauriebishop@utah.gov](mailto:lauriebishop@utah.gov)

#### Other ways to set up an appointment:

- At any Aging and Adult Services: Call 800-541-7735(v) to set up an appointment in your area and request for accommodations (such as an interpreter) over the phone
- Call Medicare at 800-633-4227 or go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)



## HEAT Program Sign Up

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Do you need help with your heating costs this winter?  
Consider using the HEAT program. To qualify:

- Must be at or below 150% of federal poverty level
- Must be responsible for the utilities
- Household must have at least one person who is a US Citizen or qualified alien

\$ Free

📧📞 Registration: To schedule an appointment, contact either the DSDHH front desk at 801-657.5200 (vp) or Laurie Monell at lauriebishop@utah.gov or 801-657-5209 or contact your case manager.



## Circle of Friends

*Circle of Friends is a recreational and social program developed for adults with multiple disabilities and some degree of hearing loss. Support activities are designed to create friendships, prevent isolation, and promote independence to enhance the quality of life.*

### Antelope Island

Saturday, October 21, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Come join us for a fun day to learn more about Antelope Island. We will learn about the island's history, including plant and animal life on the island. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Sanderson Community Center and will ride together to Antelope Island. Lunch will be provided.

\$ Free

📧📞 Register by Oct. 18 with Rosa Maria at rosavball@gmail.com or 801-590-4888(vp)

## Seniors 55+

*The 55+ Senior Program is designed to reduce isolation and promote independence to enhance the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.*

No event in October

## Living with Hearing Loss Program

No classes in October

# October 2017 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Job Fair ASL Classes CASE Classes Yoga Class	4 Senior Citizens	5 ASL Classes	6	7 First Aid/ CPR/AED Class
8	9 Columbus Day Holiday (Closed)	10 ASL Classes CASE Classes	11 Senior Citizens	12 ASL Classes	13	14 Sewing Potpourri
15	16	17 ASL Classes CASE Classes Self-Defense Class	18 Senior Citizens Advisory Council ASL Social	19 ASL Classes	20	21 Circle of Friends
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# Southern Utah Classes and Events

**Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program**

1067 E. Tabernacle, Suite 10, St. George

435-216-9305 (VP)

435-652-2453 (voice)

SUDHHP@utah.gov

usor.utah.gov/dhh/sup

Register online at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south)

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## Community Events

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### Family Bowling Night

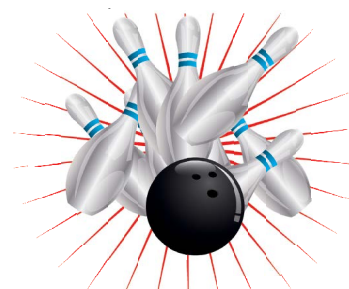
Friday, October 6, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Fiesta Fun Family Fun Center, 171 E. 1160 S., St. George

Join us for a night bowling and fun with your family at the Fiesta Fun Family Fun Center. You will pay the \$3 fee at the event. For more information, contact Diego Acosta at [dacosta@utah.gov](mailto:dacosta@utah.gov).

\$ \$3 for bowling game with rental shoes included



### Shrek The Musical

Saturday, October 7, 2017

7:30 PM

Location: Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Drive, Ivins

Enjoy an evening watching Shrek the Musical in the beautiful Tuacahn Amphitheatre featuring an area reserved for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. It's recommended to show up at 7 p.m. or earlier.

\$ \$70 per ticket

📄 Registration is closed; tickets still  
available at full price through Tuacahn



## ASL Craft Social: Halloween Jars

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween by making Halloween jars with us at the next ASL Craft Social. This is a simple and fun craft. Bring your cleaned jar in any size of your preference.

\$ Free

📧 Register at <https://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south>



## Deaf Night at Dairy Queen

Friday, October 20, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Location: DQ Grill & Chill Restaurant, 1143 S Main St., St. George

Mingle with other community members at the monthly Deaf Night at the local Dairy Queen. For more information, contact Diego Acosta at [dacosta@utah.gov](mailto:dacosta@utah.gov).

\$ Bring money to purchase your own meal or treats

📧 No need to register



## Community Education

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### Sewing Class

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

10:00am-1:00pm

Learn how to sew with us. This class is taught in ASL by Diane Acosta.

\$ Free

📧 To register, go to [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south)  
or contact 435-216-9305



## Basic Writing and Reading Skills

October 7 – November 21, 2017

Lessons: Every other Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Reviews: Every other Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Want to improve your writing or reading skills? This is the opportunity to practice with Travis Kayhart.

Lessons:

October 7, 2017

October 21, 2017

November 4, 2017

November 18, 2017

(11am - 1pm)

Reviews:

October 10, 2017

October 24, 2017

November 7, 2017

November 21, 2017

(6:30pm - 8:30pm)

\$

Free



Register at <https://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south> or contact Erin Kelly at [ekelly@utah.gov](mailto:ekelly@utah.gov) or 435.215.4029 (vp)



## Ingredients in Foods and Cosmetics to Avoid

Thursday, October 26, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

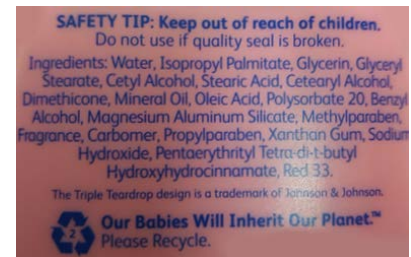
This SOS (Safe or Sorry!) class is taught by Joyanne Burdett. Please bring one or two food containers or cans and one or two cosmetics with list of ingredients on the back. For example, tuna, spam, soup, toothpaste, hand lotion, soap bar and others. Light refreshments will be provided.

\$

Free



Register at [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south) or 435-216-9305



## Seniors 45+

*The 45+ Senior Program is designed to reduce isolation and promote independence to enhance the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.*

### Table Games & Potluck

Wednesdays, Wednesday, October 11, 2017 (Held every month on the 2nd Wednesday)

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adults ages 45 and up are invited to play table games such as Uno, Bunco, and Yahtzee, and to take part in a potluck. No children please. If you want to host a future seniors 45+ event, contact Bonnie Christensen at 435-767-0130.

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Free



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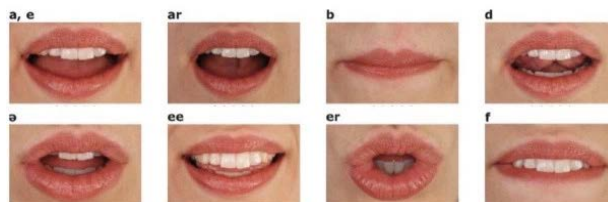
# Living with Hearing Loss Program

## Beginning Lipreading Classes

Mondays, September 11 – October 30

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This free course develops a foundation for non-verbal communication, speech cues, phonetics and homophones, lipreading techniques, and non-vocal drills. This is for those who are hard of hearing or late deafened who want to better communicate with family, friends and co-workers.



\$ Free

📖 To register, go to [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south) or at 435-652-2453

## Hearing Loss Support Group

Monday, October 30, 2017

(Last Monday of each month)

4:00 p.m.



This meeting is for anyone who is looking for a supportive group environment to discuss experiences with hearing loss. We will discuss tools, techniques, resources and more.

\$ Free

📖 To register, go to [www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south](http://www.usor.utah.gov/dhh/registration-south) or at 435-652-2453

# October 2017 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Lipreading Class	3 Sewing Class	4	5	6 Bowling Night	7 EIPA English Shrek
		ASL Classes				
8	9 Lipreading Class	10 English Review	11 Senior Social	12	13 DQ Night	14
		ASL Classes				
15	16 Lipreading Class	17 ASL Craft	18	19	20	21 English Class
		ASL Classes				
22	23 Lipreading Class	24 English Review	25	26 Ingredient Safety Workshop	27	28
		ASL Classes				
29	30 Lipreading Class Hearing Loss Support Group	31				
		ASL Classes				

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